



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month

WHEREAS, stroke occurs at a rate of 1 in 2700 live births each year and in 12 in 100,000 children per year, with stroke being the sixth leading cause of death in children; and

WHEREAS, between 50 and 85 percent of infants and children who have a Pediatric Stroke will have serious, permanent neurological disabilities, including paralysis, seizures, speech and vision problems, attention, learning and behavioral difficulties, and may require ongoing physical therapy and surgeries; and

WHEREAS, the life-long health concerns and treatments resulting from Pediatric Stroke result in a heavy financial and emotional toll on the child, the family, and society; and


WHEREAS, very little is known about the cause, treatment and prevention of Pediatric Stroke; Pediatric Stroke risk factors, symptoms, prevention efforts, and treatment are often different in children than in adults; only through medical research can effective treatment and prevention strategies for Pediatric Stroke be identified and developed; and

WHEREAS, an early diagnosis and commencement of treatment of Pediatric Stroke greatly improves chances of recovery and prevention of recurrence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim May, 2013 as Pediatric Stroke Awareness Month in Rhode Island and encourage all state residents to join me in recognizing the importance of this month.



Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 23RD day of April, 2013


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor


A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State